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COMMISSIONER NEWMAN TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Bell Buckle, TN – State Fire Marshal and Commerce and Insurance Commissioner Leslie A. Newman will deliver the commencement address to the recruit firefighter class at the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy this Friday.

Located on 330 acres in northern Bedford County, this state-of-the-art training facility has been a “home away from home” for the recruits during this eight week class.

Comprised of 21 students from 13 fire departments across the state, recruits perform a variety of training exercises. From victim rescue, to hazardous fuel spills and a live fire, recruits are presented with a variety of life and death scenarios.

"This premier facility prepares first responders using 'live' simulations. This approach prepares recruits for situations they will commonly face as firefighters," said State Fire Marshal Leslie Newman. "I am proud of this facility and I am especially proud to share in their accomplishments by delivering the commencement address."

The Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy offers a unique dual curriculum. The Academy provides nearly 500 courses to fire departments, codes professionals and other law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

For more information about the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy, visit www.tennessee.gov/commerce or call toll free 1-800-747-8868 or 931-294-4111.

Firefighter Recruit | Participating Fire Departments:

Almaville Volunteer Fire Department
Humbolt Fire Department
Lexington Fire Department
Maury County Rural Fire Department
Oak Ridge Fire Department
Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department
Shelbyville Fire Department
Smyrna Fire Department

Dickson Fire Department
Lascassas Fire Department
Mt. Pleasant Fire Department
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Paris Fire Department

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